

## Richmond and Mendon News

### What the Citizens of these Two Communities Have Been Doing Recently.

[The following correspondence, together with a lengthy item about the carnival, were sent in for the last edition of THE REPUBLICAN, but, with much other matter, could not be put into type. This is offered in justice to the very excellent correspondent THE REPUBLICAN has at Richmond, and as an apology to our many subscribers we have in that city.—The Editor.]

RICHMOND, December 18, 1906.—Last week two stock companies held forth in the hall. The first was the Western Stock company, which played "A Village Vagabond" and "Crawford's Claim." Both nights they had but small houses, but were truly deserving of better financial support, especially so for their first night's play. The second company held forth Saturday to a crowded house in Ed. Anderson's "A Midnight Flyer," a thrilling show which, judging from the applause it received, took well here. The next attraction here will be Saturday night, when a strong company will play "The Missouri Girl."

E. W. Packer, of Wallace, Idaho, is visiting with his daughter here. This is his first visit in Richmond in eleven years, and he sees a decided change for the better in our town.

Will Hendricks, wife and child have just come down from Baker City to spend the holidays with their parents and friends.

Word received says that President Alma and Bishop T. H. Merrill and their men and outfit arrived safely at Death, Nevada, and are ready to commence grading on the railroad contract awarded them. The climate and conditions there are much the

same as here, and the men all seem satisfied so far.

Wednesday a fine boy was born to Mrs. Walter Spackman.

J. W. Funk has been suffering the past week with a severe case of rheumatism.

MENDON, December 18, 1906.—The B. Y. C. orchestra, of Logan, gave a dance in Richards's hall Thursday night. It was poorly attended, there being not enough young people left in town to attend one. A great many of our young people are in Logan going to college and those not in school are off at work.

The choir held a sociable in the meeting house Friday evening. A fine program was rendered and the rest of the evening was spent in dancing. All report having a jolly time.

Grandma Hardman has been called to Salt Lake on account of the serious illness of her nephew, James Hardman.

John Lamont has returned home to spend the holidays. He has been in Montana about six months.

Big preparations are being made for the holiday festivities.

Mormon Bird has bought of Clayton & Co., of Salt Lake, a fine piano.

The home-missionaries are visiting here today.

Mrs. John Hughes has gone to Pocatello on a visit.

Ethel Sorenson is spending a few days in Logan with friends.

You will enjoy the coming holidays if you can skate. Now is the time to learn. Instruction free.

## MORMONS TO LEAVE---NIT!

In a recent issue of THE REPUBLICAN there was published an article from a Portland daily indicative of the misinformation published about Utah. That article presumed to tell of conditions in Cache county and was wholly incorrect. Now comes an article in the San Francisco Bulletin presuming to tell of a contemplated exodus of all Mormons from Utah. The article contains just a little truth in reference to certain sales and purchases, but the remainder is but the product of a vivid imagination. The Bulletin says:

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 3.—Within the next few months the entire Mormon population of the United States will make a hegeira to the center of Mexico, where heads of the church have purchased a body of land far larger than the entire state of Sonora. This land will be divided pro rata among the Mormon population and is expected to become the nucleus of a new Mormon empire.

A prominent member of the church who has been visiting this city states that the Mormons have had this move under consideration for years and were urged to the step on account of the defection of so many of the younger element caused by daily association with the gentiles. With this plan in view they have been disposing of all their large and valuable holdings in Salt Lake City and other parts of Utah, most of which have been purchased by Harriman and a party of New York capitalists, and the money received from these sales has been applied to the purchase of the new territory in Mexico.

It has also been decided that the Mormon settlements in Arizona and New Mexico will join the exodus, as the probability is that this territory will shortly be admitted to statehood and will put a stop to the practice of polygamy there. As the heads of the church have succeeded in disposing of their most valuable holdings, the members of the faith will now be directed to sell all of their possessions as rapidly as possible and make ready for the contemplated move to Mexico. This will be the greatest exodus known since the time when Brigham Young was head of the church.



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### CRICKET TAUGHT TO FIGHT.

Chinese Owners of Pugilistic Insects Hold Exciting Battles.

A. E. Parker has just returned from a trip to Szechuan, a large walled city in Kwangtung province, and while there visited the guardhouse, where he saw six or seven earthenware bowls of fighting crickets, says the South China Post.

He was much amused as to the description of the methods of stabling and dieting these insects. During the day the male and female crickets are separated, but as soon as night falls they are mated. Their diet consists of water, boiled rice and a little ginseng, the latter to give them stamina.

In matching these insects to fight, they are weighed and a light weight would not be pitted against a welter weight. The insects are spurred on to combat with a fine piece of glass, which treatment naturally arouses their anger.

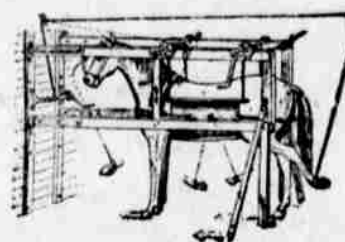
The belief that crickets are distinguishable by pieces of colored wool is a fallacy. They are recognized by their owners as we recognize our canine pets. In a contest the first cricket to run away is adjudged the loser.

The officer in charge of the guardhouse mentioned that a dispute which had arisen over a cricket contest three years ago had yet to be settled, each party holding that the other man's cricket had run away first.

Some of these crickets are indeed worth many times their weight in gold, several hundred dollars being sometimes paid for a real champion.

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